

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

With the federal debt topping \$13 trillion and with unemployment still looming at double digits, citizen involvement and interaction with lawmakers is crucial. Now, more than ever, hardworking taxpayers need to step up and share ideas on how to get America's economy rolling once again.

I'm holding seven town hall meetings across South Carolina's Second District to hear your concerns and ideas on anything and everything. All ages, either side of the aisle, and all lines of thought are welcome.

The dates, times and locations of the Town Hall Meetings are listed below.

If you are unable to attend this community town hall, please take advantage of two new interactive forums designed to give Americans a voice in Congress to share policy ideas.

AmericaSpeakingOut.com gives you a megaphone to amplify your ideas on fiscal accountability, national security, American prosperity, and values. YouCut, another interactive forum at joewilson.house.gov, is a first-of-its-kind project that has engaged over a million Americans in the spending debate in Washington. Participants can vote online or with cell phones to suggest ways to reduce Washington spending.

There are many other efforts I am making to address this spending spree. Following reports of major inaccuracies on the government website that tracks so-called "stimulus" funds, I called for an audit of these taxpayer dollars. H.R. 4219, the "National Commission on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," creates a ten member bipartisan panel that will investigate how many jobs have actually been saved or created by the exorbitant \$789 billion Stimulus Act.

In South Carolina alone, three fake Congressional districts (the 43rd, 16th, and 00) were listed on Recovery.gov as receiving in excess of \$10 million. The people of South Carolina work hard and they deserve honest reporting of how their tax dollars are spent.

I am also an original cosponsor of the Balance Budget Amendment to the Constitution. This bill will prohibit spending to exceed the total receipts for the fiscal year unless Congress, by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes the specific excess of outlays over the receipts. The days of Congress spending far more than it can afford must end-this bill would do just that.

These efforts will by no means cure all of our deficit woes, but they are a great starting point. I hope to hear from you at the Town Hall meeting and through the interactive, online forums to offer more suggestions on how to point us towards a more fiscally responsible path.

Please be assured I will continue to fight hard for smaller government, lower taxes, and personal freedoms in the 111th Congress.

Columbia

Monday, July 5th @ 6:00 PM

Richland Northeast High School

7500 Brookfield Road, Columbia South Carolina 29223

Lexington

Tuesday, July 6th @ 6:00 p.m.

Lexington High School

2463 Augusta Highway, Lexington, SC 29072

Aiken

Wednesday, July 7th @ 6:00 p.m.

Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School

3773 Charleston Highway, Aiken, SC 29801

Bluffton

Friday, July 9th @ Noon

USC Bluffton Campus

1 University Blvd., Bluffton, SC 29909

North

Saturday, July 10th @ Noon

North High School

692 Cromer Ave., North, SC 29112

Varnville

Saturday, July 10th @ 4:00 p.m.

Wade Hampton High School

201 Airport Road, Varnville, SC 29944